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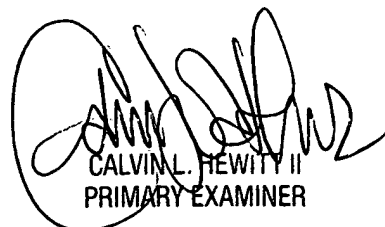
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The IDS dated 6 April 2006 has been considered.  
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